

House Resolution No. 3940

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Leodis Ross, a treasured resident of Kansas City, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Seventieth Birthday on October 1, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at the K.C.I. Hilton Hotel in Kansas City; and

Whereas, Leodis Ross came into this world in Jersey, Arkansas, on October 1, 1934, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents Willie and Eva Ross, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Leodis Ross embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life when he married his beloved Vivian, a kind and loving woman; and

Whereas, a 1952 graduate of Bradley County High School, Warren, Arkansas, Leodis Ross provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a stellar employee of Fairbanks Morse/Pentair Pump Corporation for forty-five years; and

Whereas, Leodis Ross has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Vivian; his daughter, Lecrecia Nichole; his two brothers, former Missouri Representative Carson Ross along with his wife, Eloise and the late Bobby Earl Ross; and his six nieces, three nephews, twenty-one great-nieces and nephews, and ten great-great-nieces and nephews; and

Whereas, a heartfelt appreciation and thanks to former Warren, Arkansas resident and long-time family friend, Virginia Marshall Canada and daughter, Anita Egwin for organizing this surprise birthday celebration; and

Whereas, now seventy years young, Leodis Ross faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing his experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those he holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Leodis Ross as he proudly celebrates seventy years of achievement, and in wishing him much peace and prosperity as he continues his journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Leodis Ross, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3940, adopted August 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker